

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action mailed January 11, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-22 were pending in the Application. Applicants cancel Claims 8-14 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new Claims 23-29, which are fully supported by the Application as originally filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-7 and 15-22.

Section 102 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 8-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,915,285 issued to Gray et al. Although Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, for the purposes of advancing prosecution, Applicants cancel Claims 8-14 without prejudice or disclaimer. Nonetheless, Applicants respectfully note that, with respect to all cancellations and amendments herein, Applicants reserve the right to pursue broader subject matter than that currently claimed through the filing of continuations and/or other related applications.

New Claims

Applicants add new Claims 23-29 which are fully supported by the Application as originally filed. Claims 23-29 include elements similar to those of Claims 1-7 and are thus allowable for at least substantially similar reasons to those applicable to Claims 1-7. Applicants request consideration and full allowance of new Claims 23-29.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Todd A. Cason at 214.953.6452.

No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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